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06 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
07 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

08 JONAH WEGZYN,) CASE NO. C08-1361-MJP-MAT
09 Plaintiff,)
10 v.) ORDER RE: MOTION FOR
11 OFFICER GRIFFEE, et al.,) APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL
12 Defendants.)
13 _____)

14 Plaintiff Jonah Wegzyn proceeds *pro se* and *in forma pauperis* (IFP) in this 42 U.S.C.
15 § 1983 civil rights case. Plaintiff, in a letter and motion, requests appointment of counsel. (Dkts.
16 20 & 22.) Although defendants did not submit any opposition to the request, it is not clear
17 whether plaintiff provided them with copies of either the letter or motion. **Plaintiff is reminded**
18 **to provide defendants with copies of all filings in the future.** Now, having considered all
19 documents filed in support of the pending request, as well as the remainder of the record, the
20 Court does hereby find and ORDER:

21 (1) There is no right to have counsel appointed in cases brought under § 1983.
22 Although the Court, under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1), can request counsel to represent a party

01 proceeding IFP, plaintiff has shown neither exceptional circumstances, nor an inability to articulate
02 his claims *pro se* that would warrant the appointment of counsel. *See Wilborn v. Escalderon*, 789
03 F.2d 1328, 1331 (9th Cir. 1986). Accordingly, plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel
04 (Dkts. 20 & 22) is DENIED.

05 (2) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to plaintiff, to counsel for
06 defendants, and to the Hon. Marsha J. Pechman.

07 DATED this 12th day of March, 2009.

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09 Mary Alice Theiler
10 United States Magistrate Judge
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